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SUBJ: CIVAIR - QUERY CONCERNING CHARTER FLIGHT
1. DAVIS AGENCY, A U.S. CHARTER ORGANIZER, HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN ASCERTAINING WHETHER A CHARTER IT IS ARRANGING FOR THE RESERVE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (ROA) WOULD MEET WITH NORWEGIAN APPROVAL. THE ROA ANNUAL CONVENTION IS APPARENTLY BEING HELD IN OSLO LATE JULY, AND CURRENT PLANS ARE TO OPERATE A ROUND TRIP CHARTER FLIGHT FOR APPROXIMATELY 250 PERSONS. A U.S. SUPPLEMENTAL AIRLINE, ONA, WOULD FLY THE TRAVELERS TO OSLO JULY 21, AND A DIFFERENT U.S. CARRIER, SATURN, WOULD RETURN THE GROUP TO THE U.S. ON AUGUST 2.

2. THE REASON FOR THE UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE NORWEGIAN REACTION IS THAT WHILE THE ROA WOULD QUALIFY AS A LEGITIMATE AFFINITY GROUP, IT WISHES TO ENABLE SELECT NON-MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE AND THUS DAVIS IS HOPING TO ORGANIZE THE TRIP AS A TRAVEL GROUP CHARTER (TGC), THE U.S. SEMI-EQUIVALENT OF THE EUROPEAN ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTER (ABC).

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE
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NORWEGIAN OFFICIAL ON THIS MATTER AND SEEK INFORMAL

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REACTION. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS NO U.S.-NORWAY AGREEMENT ON ABC/TGC CHARTER ACCEPTABILITY (SUCH AS WE HAVE NEGOTIATED WITH SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES), IT IS

NONETHELESS HOPED THAT THIS PLANNED ROA CHARTER WOULD MEET WITH AT LEAST PRELIMINARY NORWEGIAN APPROVAL. IF IT DOES, THE CARRIERS WOULD, OF COURSE, THEMSELVES MAKE WHATEVER FILING IS APPROPRIATE IN ORDER TO SECURE FORMAL APPROVAL. RUSH

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